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Chair Margaret Doherty and members of the Committee on Education

RE: HB 2262 extending duties of the Early Learning Council

As a parent and grandma, I am concerned that this bill extends duties of the Early Learning Council to ensure "Families are healthy, stable and attached". This appears to have a motive to dig into our personal lives where government has no business. What is the definition of "healthy, stable and attached?"

The physical health overlaps with the Health Authority, but it seems that this is aimed at emotional health of families and opens the door to infringing on personal rights. What does it mean if the council finds the family is dysfunctional? Then what?

Could it be that these changes are reasons to justify more staff without a real goal?

With the modification from "oversees" to "coordinates" it changes the delivery of early learning services to more hands-on that will need more staff. Is there a reason to grow the program and give more cause to regulate family development with intrusion into personal lives?

This bill deserves a NO vote to protect parental rights and prevent the overreach of government.

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